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25X1X6   reports that the Soviet Ministry of Agriculture has not decid-
ed what system of control to use over the German farmers in the
Russian Zone. At present there is no intention of setting up a col-
lective system such as exists in Russia. A sort of farmers' cooper-
ative (Genossenschaft) is now being cultivated, perhaps as a first
step toward collectivization. Heavy penalties assessed against indi-
vidual farmers are thought to be intended partly to influence them
to join the cooperative. Most of the old farmers are said to be
opposed to the cooperative, but the new farmers, who received their
land through the agrarian reform, were forced to join from the start.
The farmers sentenced for not fulfilling their quotas are sent to
Russian-supervised farms to learn modern farming methods.

25X1A6a   Comment: It is not yet clear what connection there may be
between the cooperative (Genossenschaft) and the Farmers' Mutual
Assistance League (Vereinigung der gegenseitigen Bauernhilfe).

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